Met Office Mountain Weather Forecast

Brecon Beacons National Park

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 31 Aug 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 01 Sep 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 30 Aug 2023 at 14:04

Confidence: High for the generally changeable weather continuing this week and then for a change to more settled conditions this weekend. Low confidence in the timings of showers/rain and low cloud on Thursday and Friday.

Headline for Thursday 31 Aug 2023: Wet and murky for much of the day, possibly brighter and less wet later.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 31 Aug 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Drizzle	Heavy rain showers	Light rain showers
Precipitation probability							
10%	20%	40%	90%	70%	60%	60%	30%

Forecast for Thursday 31 Aug 2023

Weather: Thickening cloud during the early hours with rain, often heavy, arriving from around dawn. The rain may ease somewhat by early afternoon, but it will probably stay quite damp with periods of drizzle for a time. Perhaps brightening up by late afternoon, even with a few sunny intervals, but the risk of further heavy and possibly thundery showers will continue. Feeling warm and humid in any late-afternoon brightness, but overall rather cool for much of the day.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 40% soon falling 10%, improving to 70% later in the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Periods of cloud above 400-500m soon becoming widespread and persistent above 400m and periods where it will lower to 200-300m. Most likely improving markedly (some uncertainty) from mid-afternoon to patches above 600m, however there's a chance cloud may persist on many slopes for longer. Often poor or very poor visibilities in rain, drizzle and low cloud, occasionally becoming good later in the day, especially at lower levels, although distant hills probably remaining hazy at best with high humidity air arriving.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	5/8 SW	7/10 S	12/17 SE	20/26 SE	17/23 S	14/19 S	11/16 SW	9/12 SW	6/8 SW
300	4/7 SW	3/7 S	3/8 SE	6/14 SE	8/17 SE	9/17 S	7/13 SW	5/11 SW	4/6 SW
Valley	2/6 SW	2/3 SE	3/5 E	7/15 E	6/11 SE	6/15 SW	6/13 SW	5/12 SW	3/6 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	9/8	9/8	9/6	10/6	12/8	13/11	13/11	12/10	11/10
300	11/10	11/10	10/10	12/10	14/12	16/15	15/14	13/12	12/12
Valley	11/11	11/11	11/11	12/10	14/13	16/16	16/15	13/13	12/12
Freezing Level*	2200m	3000m	3100m	3100m	2800m	2500m	2500m	2400m	2300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Pack the waterproofs with a thoroughly wet morning expected. Navigation will be challenging on featureless or unfamiliar terrain with widespread hill fog. Skies may brighten later in the day, but this is highly uncertain.

Recent rainfall: measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
14:00 on Tue 29 Aug 2023	1.4mm	2.2mm	3.2mm

Forecast for Friday 01 Sep 2023

Weather: Areas of low cloud developing during the early hours with a few pockets of mist and fog in the valleys as well. This generally clearing by mid-morning to leave bright or sunny intervals but also a chance of showers. Whilst the showers will probably be isolated and many places will stay dry, where they occur they will be slow-moving and heavy with a chance of thunder. Showers possibly continuing into the evening, but most areas staying largely dry with some sunshine. Feeling much warmer in the light winds.

Maximum wind: 5-10 mph, mostly from a westerly direction.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 40% improving to 90%.

Low cloud and visibility: Early valley fog and patchy cloud above 500m, lifting to ragged patches above 700-800m mid-morning and then lifting above the summits. Patches may form above 700-800m associated with any afternoon showers. Much better visibilities than on Thursday with often very good visibility, but poor/very poor in fog and locally moderate in heavier showers.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 11 Celsius rising to plus 20 Celsius.
At 600m: Plus 12 Celsius rising to plus 16 Celsius.
Freezing level: Well above the summits.

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